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STORY Thus Far...

Takeo Goda, a first-year high school student, is a hot-blooded guy who is 6'6" tall and weighs 265 pounds. Boys look up to him, but the girls he falls in love with all end up liking his handsome best friend, Makoto Sunakawa! But that all changes when Takeo saves Rinko Yamato from a groper on the train, and she becomes his girlfriend.

A transfer student named Tanaka starts to hang around Sunakawa, but he hides his true nature. Takeo doesn't think he's a bad guy, though, so he decides to take Tanaka day camping with him and Sunakawa. He manages to get Tanaka to express his true feelings, and they become friends! But then Tanaka ends up transferring schools once again...

Later, Yamato finds out that her father will be moving to Spain for work, and she has to go with him! She doesn't want to be separated from Takeo... Not knowing what to do, she runs away from home, and Takeo accompanies her all the way to Okinawa to bring her back!

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MY *love* **STORY!!**



THERE'S NO
WAY YOU'RE
OKAY WITH
LEAVING.



DON'T
HIDE HOW
YOU'RE
FEELING.

MY love
STORY!!



BUT I...
I AM
OKAY.

I'M NOT
OKAY
WITH IT
EITHER.



AND...
IF I START,
I DON'T
THINK I'LL
BE ABLE TO
STOP...

IF
I DON'T
TELL
MYSELF
THAT, I'LL
START
CRYING.



THAT'S
FINE!

DON'T
HOLD
IT IN!



CRY AS
MUCH
AS YOU
NEED
TO.

BUT
SEEING
YOU
CRY...

I LOVE
SEEING
YOU
SMILE.

...OR EVEN
POUT OVER
SOME-
THING...



...WON'T
MAKE ME
NOT LOVE
YOU!



I
WANT YOU
TO CRY
WHENEVER
YOU FEEL
LIKE IT.

**I LOVE
EVERY-
THING
ABOUT
YOU!**

I STILL
LOVE YOU
WHEN YOU
FORCE
YOURSELF
TO SMILE...

...BUT
IT HURTS
SEEING
YOU DO
THAT.



YOU'RE
TOO
GOOD
TO ME...

TAKEO...



NNGGH

...

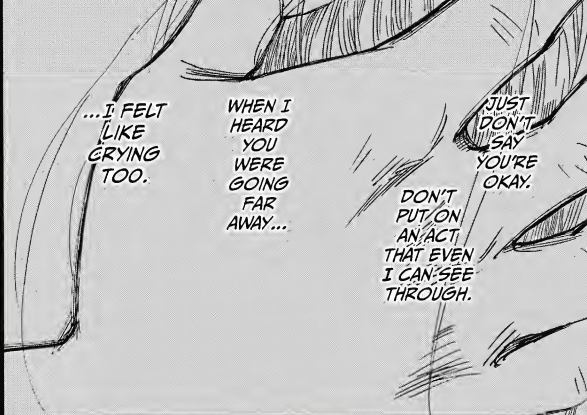
...



THE
HUMAN
BODY
CAN'T
CRY
FOR-
EVER...
I DON'T
THINK.

CRY AS
LONG
AS YOU
HAVE
TO.

IT'LL
STOP
EVENTU-
ALLY.



...I FELT
LIKE
CRYING
TOO.

WHEN I
HEARD
YOU
WERE
GOING
FAR
AWAY...

JUST
DON'T
SAY
YOU'RE
OKAY.

DON'T
PUT ON
AN ACT
THAT EVEN
I CAN SEE
THROUGH.



...AT
LEAST
LET
ME BE
STRONG
FOR THE
GIRL I
LOVE.

BUT...
I'M A
MAN.
SO...



...THAN
HOLD IT
ALL IN.

I'D WAY
RATHER
SEE YOU
CRY
YOUR
HEART
OUT...

YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
FORCE
YOUR-
SELF TO
SMILE.

...

I-I
KNOW IT
WOULDN'T
BE
RIGHT...

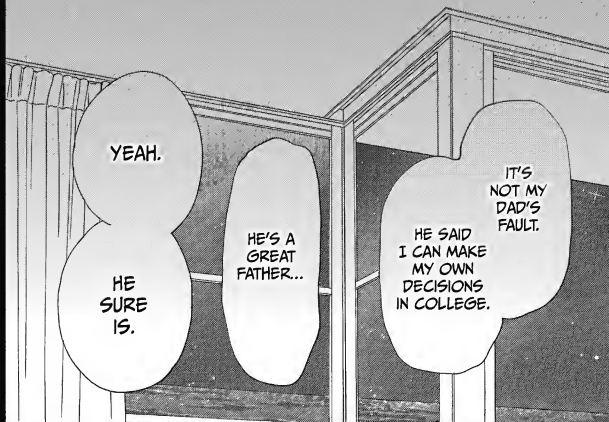
...FOR
ME TO
LIVE
HERE ON
MY OWN.

YEAH...

I KNOW
I'M BEING
SELFISH.

I
ONLY WANT
TO STAY SO
I CAN B-BE
WITH YOU...

I'M STILL
IN HIGH
SCHOOL.
I'M NOT
SELF-
SUFFICIENT.



YEAH.

HE
SURE
IS.

HE'S A
GREAT
FATHER...

IT'S
NOT MY
DAD'S
FAULT.

HE SAID
I CAN MAKE
MY OWN
DECISIONS
IN COLLEGE.

THAT'S
TRUE.

A YEAR'S
JUST A SMALL
BIT OF
SOMEONE'S
WHOLE LIFE.

...BUT I
COULDN'T
MAKE
MYSELF
BELIEVE
IT.

BUT EVEN
IF IT'S
SELFISH,
I CAN'T
CHANGE
HOW I
FEEL.

I TOLD
MYSELF
OVER AND
OVER THAT A
YEAR'S NOT
SO LONG...

EVERY
SECOND IS
IMPORTANT.

...IS STILL
IMPORTANT.

...THIS
MOMENT...

BUT...

...NOTHING
I CAN
SAY.



THERE'S...

**D
O
N
G**

**D
I
N
G**

**NOK
NOK
NOK!**

**NOT
WHEN I
DON'T
WANT
HER TO
LEAVE
EITHER.**

COULD
THAT
BE...

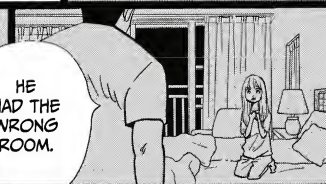
NOK
NOK
NOK!

...

MAYBE
THEY
FOUND
OUT?

I-I...
LIED
ON THE
CHECK-IN
FORM...

I'LL
GET
IT.





IF YOU
REALLY
DON'T
WANT
TO GO
SO FAR
AWAY...



YAMATO.



IF YOU
WANT TO
STAY WITH
ME...



...I'D BE
HAPPY TO
RUN OFF
SOMEWHERE
WITH YOU.



**BUT WHAT
I REALLY
WANT IS TO
BE WITH
YOU THE
RIGHT WAY.**



**SO EVEN
THOUGH
IT'LL BE
TOUGH TO BE
AWAY FROM
YOU FOR A
YEAR...**

**...I'D LIKE
TO THINK
OF THIS AS A
CHALLENGE
FOR US
TO GET
THROUGH.**



YEAH...



I THINK I
CAN GET
THROUGH
IT WITH
YOU.



...BUT HE
NEVER
GOT MAD
AT ME.

WHEN
I WAS
LITTLE,
I GOT
LOST A
LOT...

YEAH.

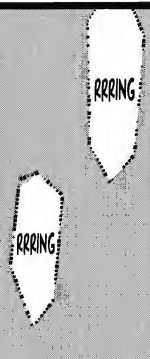
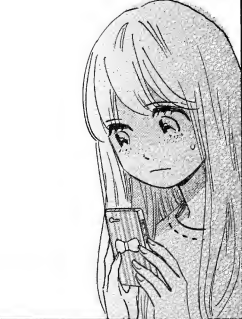
OH
YEAH
?

HE'D JUST
SMILE AND
SAY HE WAS
GLAD I
WAS OKAY.

MY
DAD...

...REALLY
IS A
GOOD
FATHER...





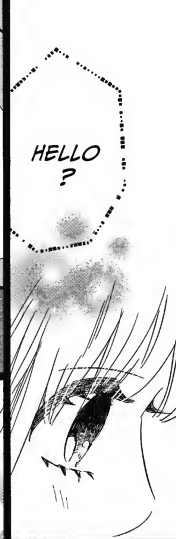


HI,
DAD.

IT'S
RINKO.

HELLO
?

I'M
SORRY.



I'M
SORRY
TOO.



I'M
REALLY
SORRY.

NO,
I'M THE
ONE WHO
SHOULD
BE
SORRY.

NO,
I
AM.

NO,
NO.
I'M
SORRY.

I'LL
COME
HOME
TOMOR-
ROW.





SHA... SHA...

SPLASH...



SPLASH...

THE MOON
SURE IS
PRETTY.

BUT
IT LOOKS
EXTRA
BEAUTIFUL
NOW.

I BET IT
WAS PRETTY
YESTERDAY
TOO.

YEAH.

YEAH.

SHA...



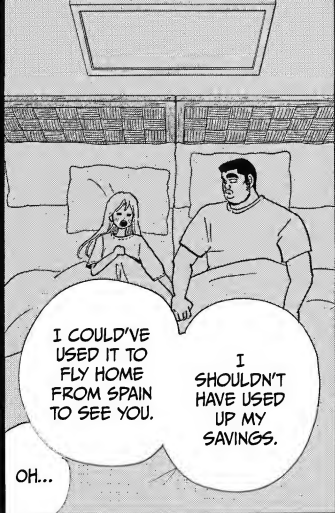
TAKEO...

I WANT
TO HOLD
HANDS
WHILE WE
SLEEP.



BUT
OKINAWA
SURE
WAS FUN.

SORRY FOR
DRAGGING
YOU HERE.



I COULD'VE
USED IT TO
FLY HOME
FROM SPAIN
TO SEE YOU.

I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE USED
UP MY
SAVINGS.

OH...



NO...

NOT AT
ALL...

I'D LIKE TO
COME BACK
SOMETIME.



I'M GONNA
WORK HARD
TO GET INTO
COLLEGE!



...MY
HEART'S
STARTING
TO RACE...



NOW THAT
MY MIND'S
MADE UP
AND THINGS
HAVE
SETTLED
DOWN...



COULD YOU
LIE A LITTLE
BIT FARTHER
AWAY?



y-
YAMATO...

SORRY,
BUT...
UH...



HA
HA
HA!

YAMATO!



! CLING



IT'S...

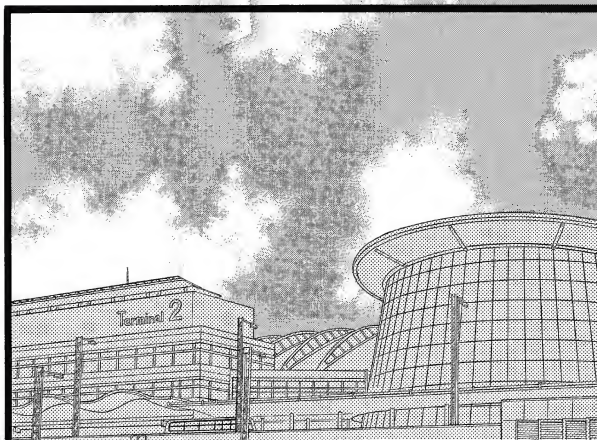


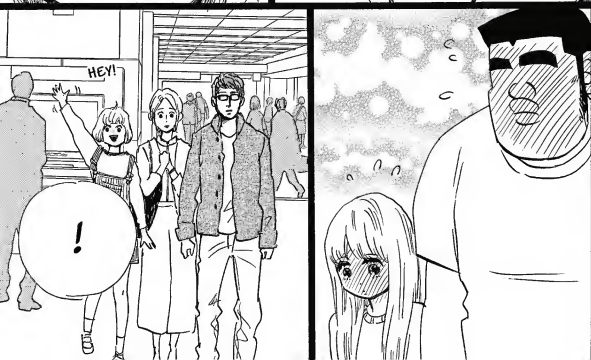
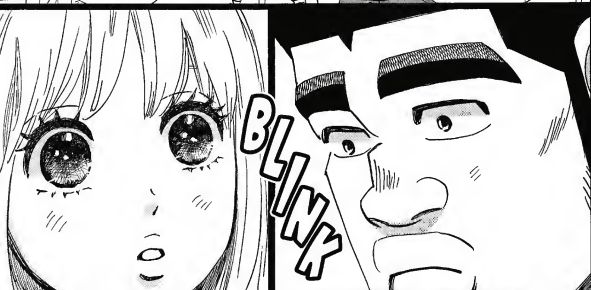
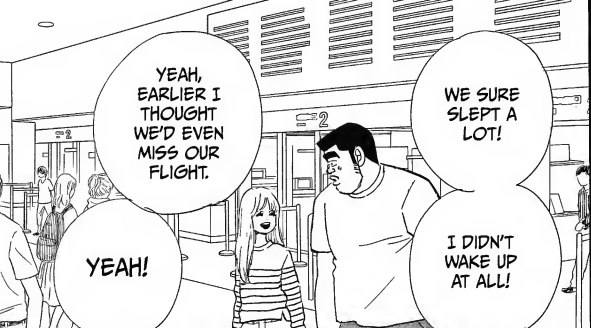
...ALL
FINE BY
ME.



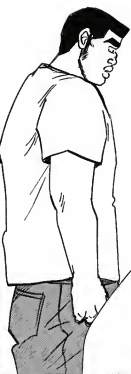
*I
LOVE
HER.*











THANK YOU
FOR TALKING
TO HER AND
GETTING HER
TO COME
BACK.

NO, I
DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING.

PLEASE
KEEP
LOOKING
OUT FOR
RINKO.



I
WILL.



CHAK



YEAH,
IT IS.

EVERY-
THING...

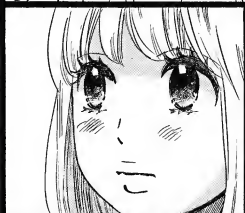
...IS
ALL
RIGHT
NOW.

Narita Airport

THAT
WAS
FAST!

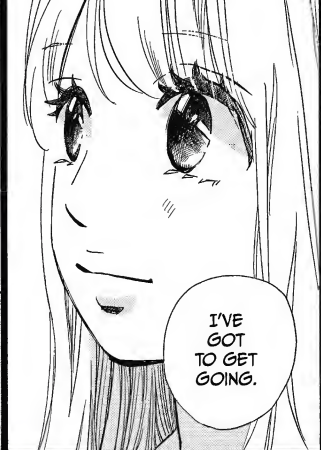
DEPARTURE
DAY







OKAY.



I'VE
GOT
TO GET
GOING.

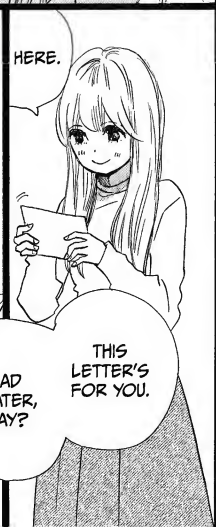


SORRY, I
DON'T HAVE
ANYTHING
FOR YOU...

HA HA!
IT'S FINE.
THANKS
FOR
COMING
TO SEE
ME OFF.



HERE.



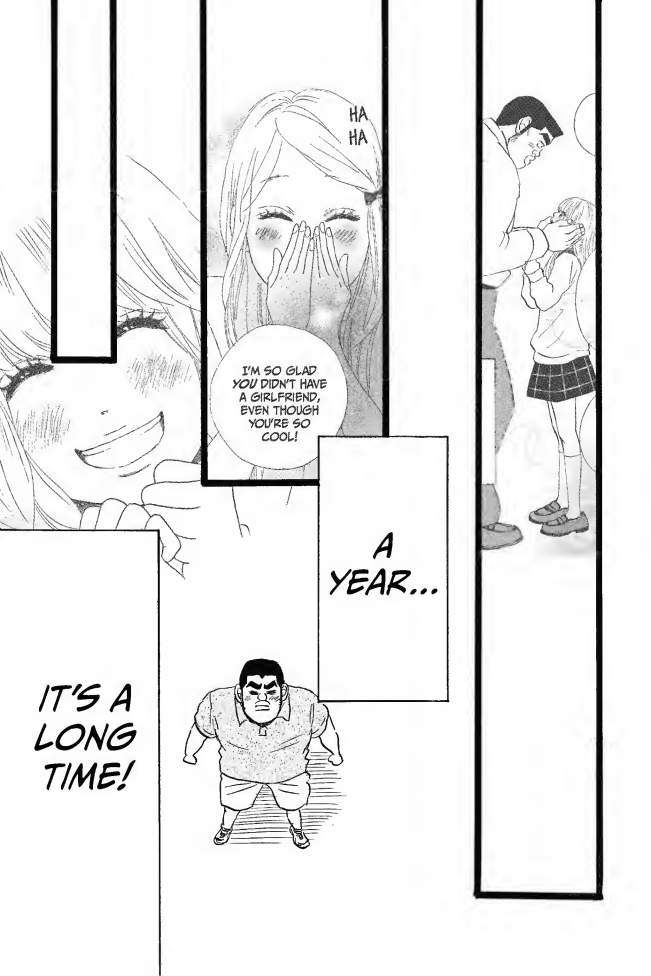
THIS
LETTER'S
FOR YOU.

READ
IT LATER,
OKAY?









HA
HA

I'M SO GLAD
YOU DIDN'T HAVE
A GIRLFRIEND,
EVEN THOUGH
YOU'RE SO
COOL!

A
YEAR...

IT'S A
LONG
TIME!



YOU'VE
GOT TO
WORK YOUR
BUTT OFF.

YOU WANT
TO GO TO
THE SAME
COLLEGE AS
YAMATO IN
A YEAR,
RIGHT?



YOU
DON'T
HAVE
TIME TO
BE SAD.

LOOKS
LIKE...

...I'M
GOING
TO BE
LONELY...

THAT'S
THE
SPIRIT.

YOU'RE RIGHT!
I DON'T HAVE
TIME TO BE
SAD.



...FOR
THE
NEXT
YEAR.

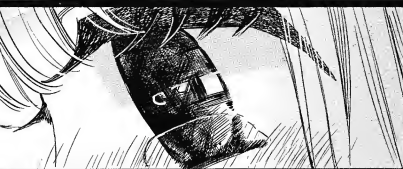
KOIZUMI GIRLS'
ACADEMY FESTIVAL
POLICE CAFE

A
huge
success!

Best Friends

WELCOME

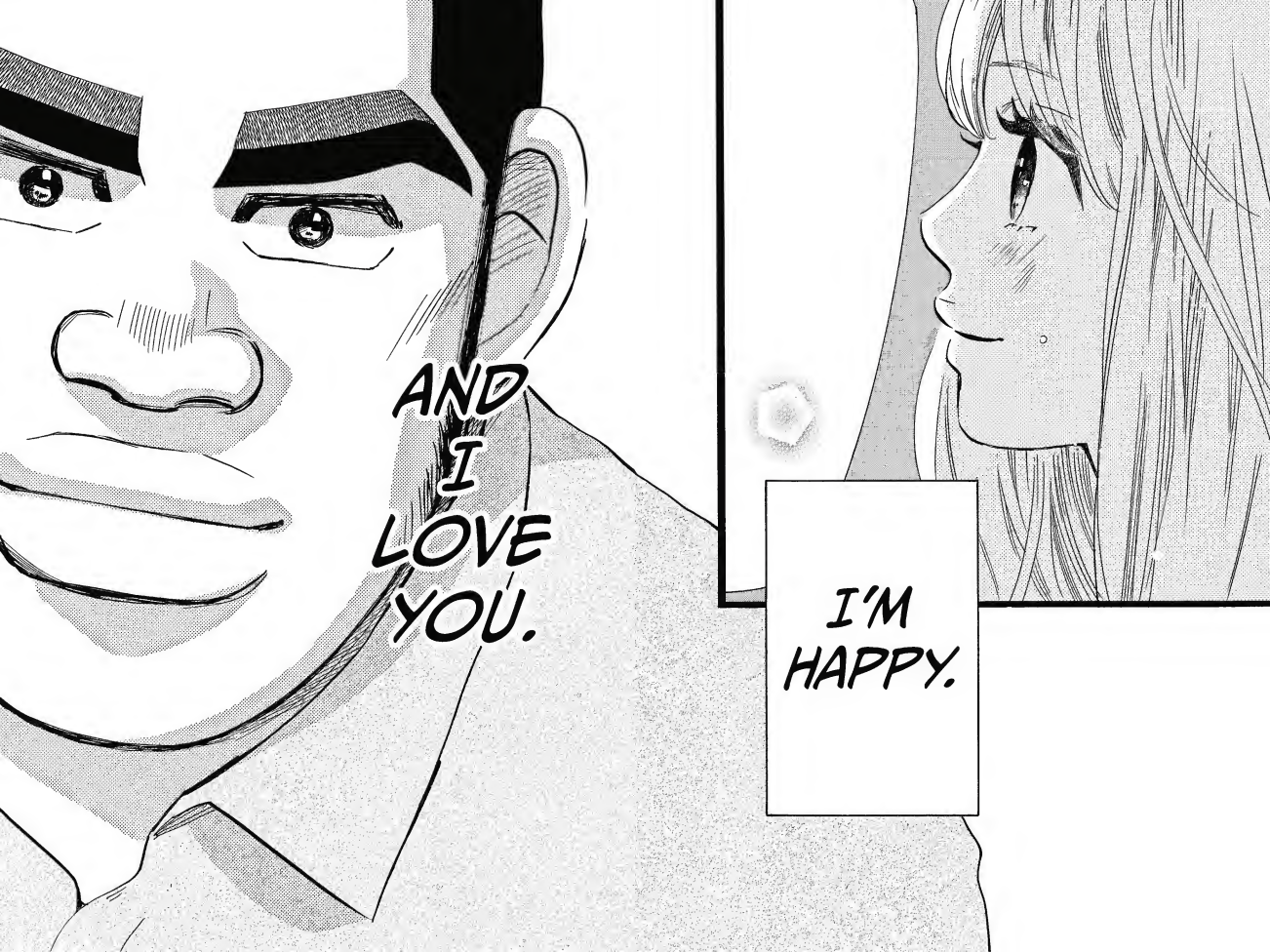
PRANKS



BUT...

*...I'M
HAPPY,
YAMATO.*





**AND
I
LOVE
YOU.**

**I'M
HAPPY.**



...MOVING
FORWARD.

LET'S
KEEP...

TAKEO,
YOUR
FOOT'S
IN THE
GUTTER.

HOW ARE YOU, YAMATO?

*IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE
YOU WENT TO SPAIN.*

I'M...

MY
love
STORY!!



...PICKING
VEGETABLES IN
THE HIGHLANDS.

THEY'RE ALL
REALLY FRESH.

LETTUCE...

DO YOU LIKE
VEGETABLES,
YAMATO?

TOMATOES...

HEY,
TAKEO.

A WEEK AGO...

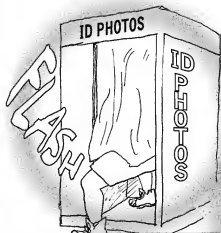
...AFTER I SAW
YOU OFF...

DO YOU
HAVE A
PASSPORT?

...MOVING
FORWARD.

LET'S
KEEP...

TAKEO,
YOUR
FOOT'S
IN THE
GUTTER.



I...

...GOT MY
PASSPORT.

A
PASS-
PORT
!!

JAPAN
PASSPORT

SO NOW I CAN
VISIT YOU IF ANY-
THING HAPPENS.

HOW'RE
YOU
GONNA
SEE
HER?

YEAH.

WOW!
THAT'S
PRETTY
FAR!

TAKEO!

DID YAMATO
REALLY GO
TO SPAIN?!

SHUEI HIGH SCHOOL





I'm a pro at that.

So ask me anything!

A
PRO AT
WHAT
?

I can teach you how to stay devoted to her.

Distance and time apart make feelings do weird things.

I HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT HE'S
TALKING
ABOUT.



I heard you and your girlfriend are long-distance now.

Is that true?

IT'S
TANAKA.



SPAIN
?!

erises



But you guys
should be okay.

You're pretty intense!

Anyway, just
leave it to me.

?

Thanks.



SHAME-
LESS
DOD

SO WHAT
BRINGS
YOU
HERE?

I
WANTED TO
BUY SOME
SWEETS.

THIS IS
THE BEST
PLACE
I KNOW
TO GET
THEM.

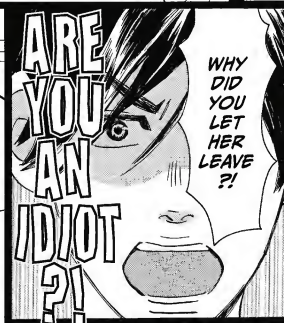


THIS
IS MY
NEWEST
CREATION.

OH,
I SEE.

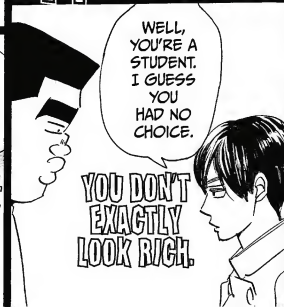
NATU-
RALLY
!

I'LL TAKE
THREE!



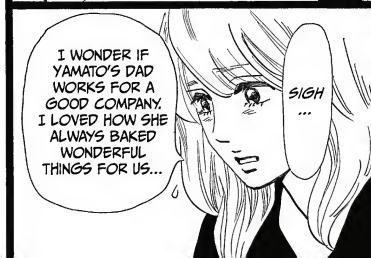
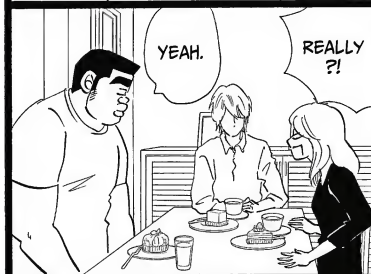
ARE
YOU
AN
IDIOT
?!

WHY
DID
YOU
LET
HER
LEAVE
?!

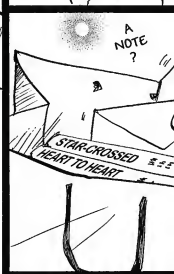
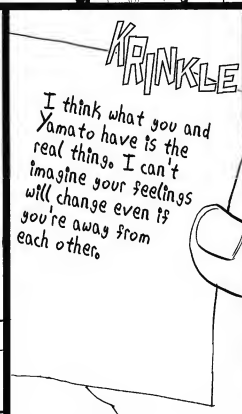


WELL,
YOU'RE A
STUDENT.
I GUESS
YOU
HAD NO
CHOICE.

YOU DON'T
EXACTLY
LOOK RICH.







NOTHING HAS CHANGED...



...SINCE
YAMATO LEFT.

SHUNK



MY LIFE'S THE SAME
AS ALWAYS...

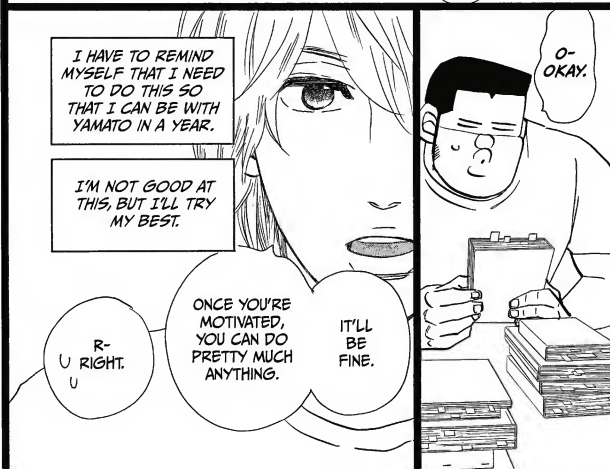
...EXCEPT SHE'S
NOT HERE.

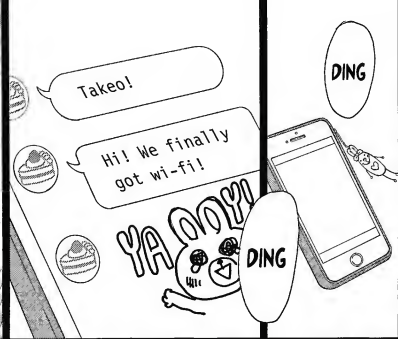
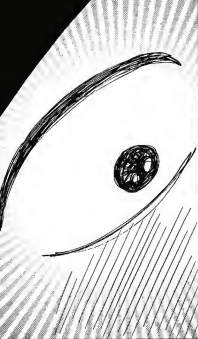
PROMISES
ARE GREAT,
BUT THEY'RE
NO USE IF
YOU DON'T
PASS THE
EXAM.

YOU WANT
TO GO TO
THE SAME
COLLEGE
AS YAMATO,
RIGHT?

WE
SHOULD
GET
SOME
STUDYING
TIME IN.

THAT'S
TRUE!





YEAH,
IT'S ME.

TAKEO?

WOW, IT'S
REALLY YOU!
IT FEELS
LIKE YOU'RE
REALLY
CLOSE BY!

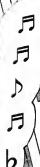
YAMATO...



Yamato

Ignore

Fast



THAT'S
GREAT.

I
WANTED
TO CALL
YOU RIGHT
AWAY.

WE
FINALLY
GOT WI-FI
AT OUR
HOUSE!

YEAH,
I AM!

ARE YOU
DOING
OKAY?

I
SEE.

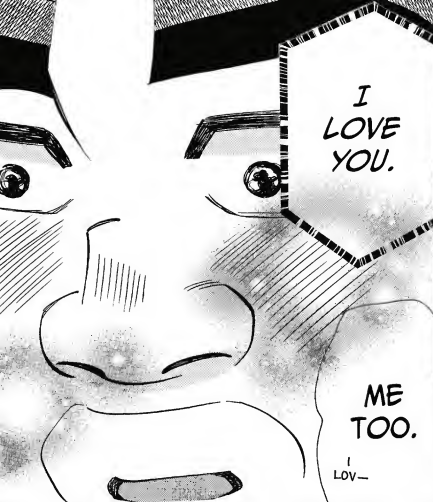
OH, I
ACTUALLY
HAVE TO
GO TO
LUNCH.

I'LL
CALL YOU
AGAIN!

OKAY.

YOU'RE
RIGHT.

IT'S LIKE
YOU'RE
NEARBY. IT'S
JUST LIKE
WHEN I WAS
STILL IN
JAPAN...





YEAH,
THAT'D
BE
GREAT.

WANT
ME TO
TAKE
ONE?

SHE
WANTS
ME TO
SEND
HER A
PICTURE.

WHAT
IS IT?

Send me a picture,
Takeo! ☺♥♥

I'll be waiting! 🙌

OH.



YOU'RE
TOO
CLOSE.



YOU SURE
YOU WANT
TO MAKE THAT
FACE?

SORRY.
COULD
YOU TAKE
ANOTHER
ONE?

TRY
NOT TO
MOVE.

AHEM...



FLASH SWIP!





DING

Wow, that's so many!
Thank you! 

I'll send some too.

DING

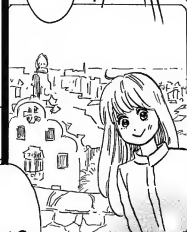


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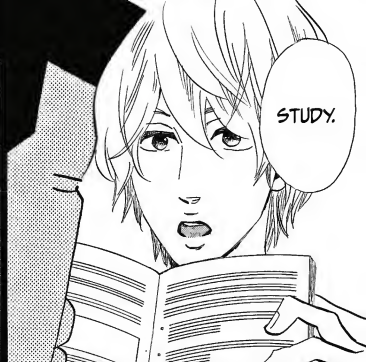
**I
LOVE
HER
!!**

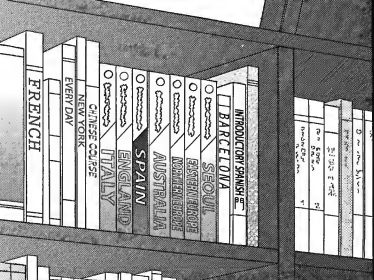
DING



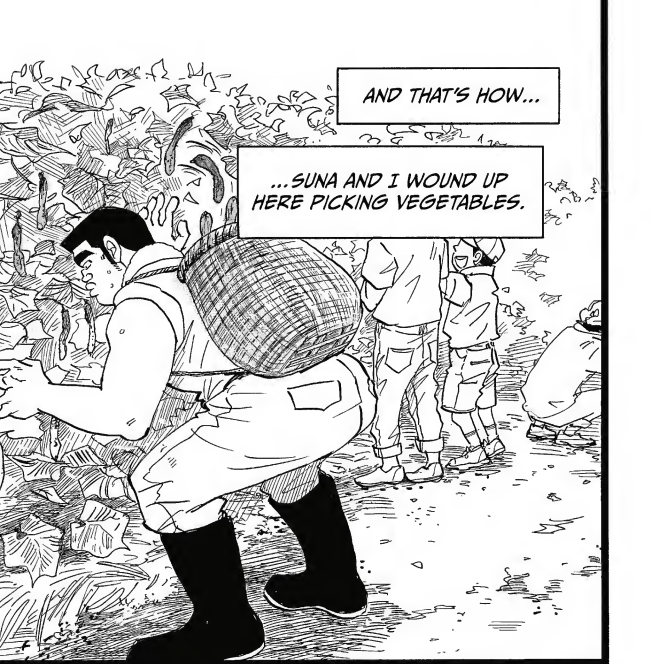
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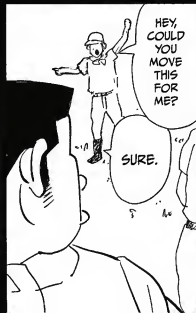
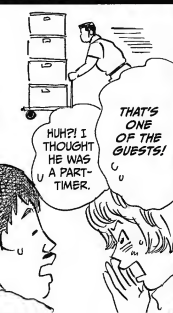




A black and white manga-style illustration of a man in a field. He is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt, light-colored pants, and dark rubber boots. A large, round, woven basket is strapped to his back. He is looking down at the ground, which is covered with various vegetables like carrots and leafy greens. In the background, there are other people, some standing and some crouching, also in the field. The scene is set outdoors with some trees or bushes in the distance.

AND THAT'S HOW...

...SUNA AND I WOUND UP
HERE PICKING VEGETABLES.







...BUT I
DON'T
THINK
I'VE SEEN
TWO MALE
FRIENDS
DOING
THIS.

LOTS OF
FAMILIES
COME UP
HERE...

THAT'S
UNUSUAL.

YES,
WE
ARE.

YOU
TWO ARE
FRIENDS?

I
SEE.



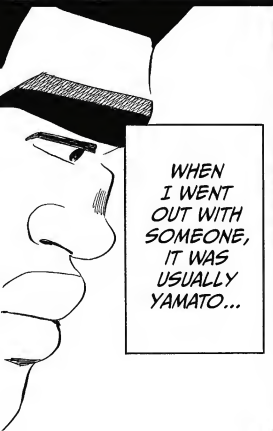
I
GUESS
SO.

SOME GUYS
JUST PREFER
SPENDING TIME
WITH EACH
OTHER.

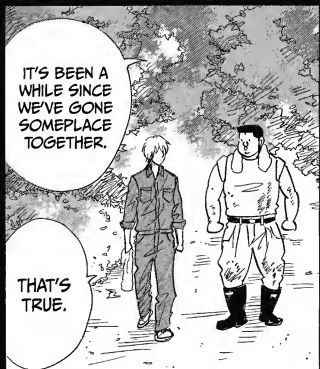
YAMMER

YAMMER

BUT I GUESS,
THESE DAYS,
BOYS EVEN GO
TO DISNEYLAND
TOGETHER!



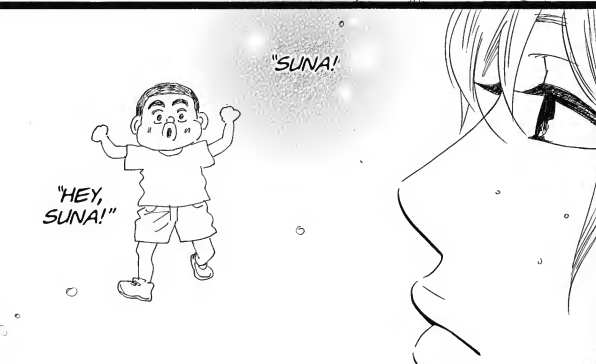
WHEN
I WENT
OUT WITH
SOMEONE,
IT WAS
USUALLY
YAMATO...



IT'S BEEN A
WHILE SINCE
WE'VE GONE
SOMEPLACE
TOGETHER.

THAT'S
TRUE.







SLAP!

...

GETTING HIM
TO RELAX
AND LAUGH'S
NOT GONNA
BE EASY.

I SEE
THAT'S
AROUND
WHEN YOU
START
GETTING
HUNGRY
TOO.

WATCHING
THE SUN
GO DOWN
MADE
ME FEEL
UNEASY.

HOW COME?

...BEFORE WE
MOVED HERE,
I NEVER
REALLY LIKED
SUNSETS.

YOU
CAN
EAT
IT

WHAT?

187

IT
LOOKS
SO
TASTY...!

LOOK
AT THE
SKY


 SINA
 SINA

WHERE IN
SPAIN IS
SHE?

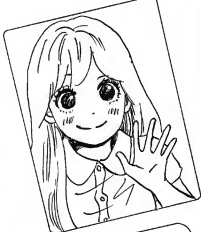
OH!
A LINE
MESSAGE
FROM
YAMATO!

BARCELONA.

I
SEE

DING

YAMATO...



Takeo!



HUH ?

WE'RE
NOT JUST
HERE ON
VACATION.

O-
OKAY.

IF YOU
CAN'T WORK
SOMETHING
OUT, I'LL
GIVE YOU
A HINT.



COME
ON,
LET'S
STUDY.

TAKEO...

HMM...
MAYBE I
SHOULD GO
TO CRAM
SCHOOL
TOO...

YEAH.

BUT IF I
START GOING
TO CRAM
SCHOOL
DURING THE
SUMMER, I
SHOULD BE
FINE.

SUNA,
DON'T
YOU HAVE
TO STUDY
TOO?

SHOCK

YOU NEED
TO LEARN
MORE
BEFORE
YOU'D BE UP
FOR CRAM
SCHOOL.

I'LL
TEACH
YOU.

GOT
IT.

LOOK, YOUR
SITUATION'S THE
ONE THAT MATTERS
RIGHT NOW. YOU'VE
GOT TO DO TONS
OF WORK TO GO
TO THE SAME
COLLEGE AS
YAMATO.

I'LL BE
FINE.
TEACHING
IS LIKE
STUDYING.

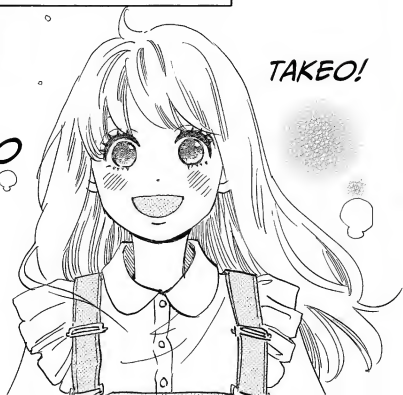
BUT
ARE YOU
REALLY
OKAY
WITH
THAT?



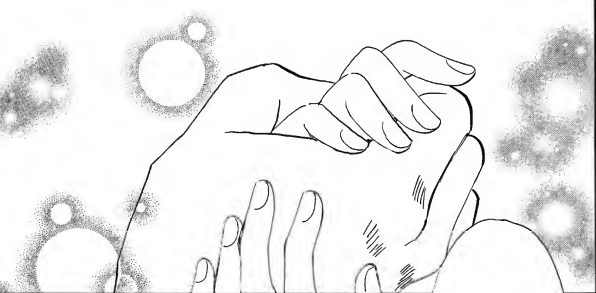
...KEO...

YAMATO
!!

TAKEO!







THIS
ISN'T A
DREAM...

IT'S
REAL...





YA-
MATO
...





TAKEO!



TAKEO...



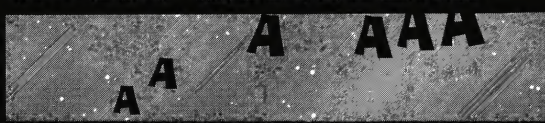
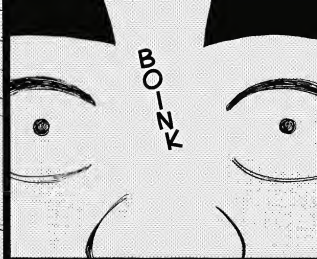
AAAGH!!



TAKEO!!

TAKEO!

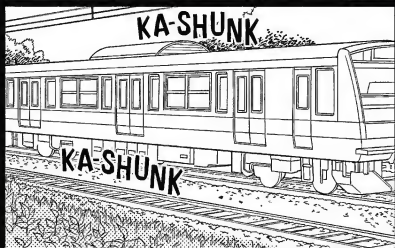
WAKE UP!

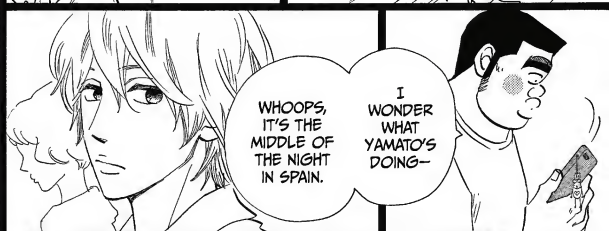


HERE
ARE SOME
VEGE-
TABLES
TO TAKE
HOME
WITH YOU!

THANK
YOU
FOR
JOINING
OUR
TOUR!

CH-
R-
P







...I'VE
STILL GOT
YOU HERE.



BUT...

...SOMEHOW
YOU WERE
ALWAYS
THERE.

WHENEVER
I FELT
LONELY...



THAT'S
RIGHT.



SUNA!

YOU
SURE ARE
FAST.



PAT

TAKE
YOUR
OWN
ADVICE.
RELAX.



**I
REALLY
AM
GLAD.**

**I'M GLAD
THAT YOU
MOVED IN
NEXT DOOR
TO ME.**

**COME TO
THINK OF
IT, SUNA'S
ALWAYS
BEEN
NEARBY.**

EVERYTHING'S
ABSOLUTELY
FINE, OKAY?

SHAA

**HE'S NO
ORDINARY
FRIEND.**

**HE'S MY
BEST
FRIEND
FOR
LIFE.**



**O-OH.
YEAH.**



AND THE TRIP!
YOU INVITED
ME BE-
CAUSE
YOU
THOUGHT
I WAS
LONELY!



DID YOU
NAG ME
TO STUDY
BECAUSE
YOU WERE
WORRIED
ABOUT
ME?!



...NOW
THAT YOU'VE
GOTTEN MORE
PERCEPTIVE.

IT'S
EMBAR-
RASSING
...



Sunakawa was there too.

How is he? I want a picture of you both.

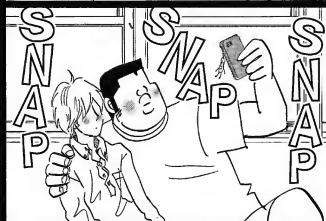
Takeo!

DING

I just had a dream about you!

Lucky me! ♡ ♡

IT'S
YAMATO.



HUH?

SUNA! TAKE
A PICTURE
WITH ME!

SAY
CHEESE!

D
DON'T
REALLY
WANT
TO...

YOU'RE
TOO
CLOSE.

I HAD
IT ON
BURST
MODE.

THINGS ARE NORMAL
AROUND HERE.

D
I
N
G

SUNA AND I ARE
HANGING OUT TOGETHER,
SAME AS ALWAYS.





You both look great!





IT'S
SPRING-
TIME IN
MY THIRD
YEAR
OF HIGH
SCHOOL.

AMAZING!
HE'S REALLY
SOMETHING!

REALLY?
LIKE THE
PLACE IN
CARMEN?

I HEARD HIS
GIRLFRIEND'S
IN SPAIN.

HE'S
HUGE!

THAT
GUY'S
INCREDI-
BLE!

IS
HE A
THIRD-
YEAR?

DON'T
YOU
KNOW
WHO HE
IS?

THAT'S
TAKEO!
HE'S
SUPER
FAMOUS!
HE WENT TO
MY MIDDLE
SCHOOL.

SHUEI HIGH SCHOOL



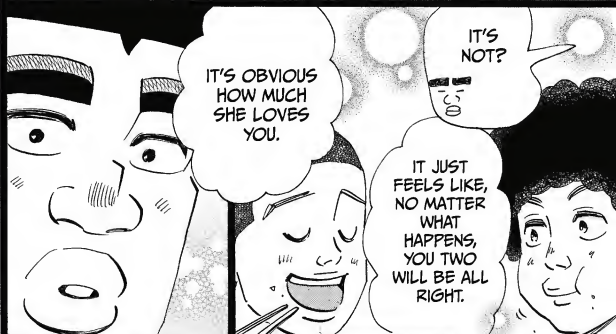
WE'RE IN TOUCH EVERY DAY, SO IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE SHE'S THAT FAR AWAY.

HOW'S THE LONG-DISTANCE THING GOING?

ARE YOU HOLDING UP OKAY?

WOW! BUT THAT'S NOT SURPRISING FOR YOU TWO.

YEAH.



IT'S OBVIOUS HOW MUCH SHE LOVES YOU.

IT'S NOT?

IT JUST FEELS LIKE, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOU TWO WILL BE ALL RIGHT.



BYE!

YAMATO...

SEE YOU LATER!

吉田家
YOSHIDAYA

THANKS FOR THE FOOD!

THAT'S TRUE.

YEAH!

吉田家
YOSHIDAYA

吉田家
YOSHIDAYA

I CAN'T
WAIT TO
SEE YOU
NEXT
SPRING.

SETUP

I THINK
ABOUT
YOU
EVERY
DAY,
YAMATO.

HOW IS
SPAIN?

SETUP IS COMPLETE. ADD FRIENDS.

THERE.

THAT
SHOULD
DO IT.



YAY! HI,
TAKEO!

WOW, I
CAN SEE
YOU!



YAMATO
!!

skype

TAKEO!



YEAH,
I CAN
SEE
YOU!



I
AM?

NOW
YOU'RE
FAR
AWAY!

WHUP

HA HA!
YOUR FACE
IS SO
CLOSE!

TOO
CLOSE?

WANT
TO SEE
MY
ROOM?



YEAH,
THIS IS
MY FIRST
TIME
USING IT,
BUT IT
SEEMS
GOOD.

THIS IS
AMAZING,
SUNA!

WOW!

IT
LOOKS SO
SPANISH!



GASPI!

I LEFT
MY DIRTY
CLOTHES
OUT!

SUNAKAWA!
HI!



YEAH.

ARE THE
CHERRY
BLOSSOMS
STILL IN
BLOOM IN
JAPAN?

THERE ARE
TONS OF
FLOWERS
BLOOMING IN
BARCELONA
RIGHT NOW.
THEY'RE SO
PRETTY.

OKAY.

HOLD
ON A
SECOND.



ALL THE
BUILDINGS
HERE ARE
SO CUTE.

SORRY
ABOUT
THAT!



AND THE
PEOPLE
ARE ALL
SO NICE.

I GUESS I
SHOULD SAY
"HOSPITABLE"?

YEAH!

THAT'S
GREAT TO
HEAR.

I WAS SO
NERVOUS!

THAT'S
AMAZING!

I WENT
SHOPPING
ON MY OWN
RECENTLY!



YEAH,
WE
CAN.

WE CAN
TALK A LOT
THIS WAY!



B-
G-
!

Maki's
so cute! ♡

She disconnected us!

YES! MAKI!



DON'T
DISCON-
NECT
ME!

YA'ATO!

CLICK

(DISCON-
NECT)



**I
LOVE
HER!**

It's been so long
since I've seen you
in motion. I'm totally
in love ♡♡♡♡♡
with you right now.



I love you a lot!



Let's do our best!



...MAKES
ME
FEEL A
LITTLE
SAD
SOME-
TIMES.

BEING
APART
FROM
YAMATO
...

IT'S
A FULL
MOON
TONIGHT...



YAMATO...

I LOVE
YOU...

WSP...

WHY
DID YOU
COME
OUT
HERE?

DON'T
APOLOGIZE! IT
EMBARRASSES
ME MORE!

I'M
REALLY
SORRY
ABOUT
MY BAD
TIMING.

WAIT! YOU
CAME OUT
FOR A
REASON,
RIGHT?

SORRY.

I'LL STUDY
WITH YOU,
THEN.

YOUR ENGLISH
ISN'T VERY
GOOD.

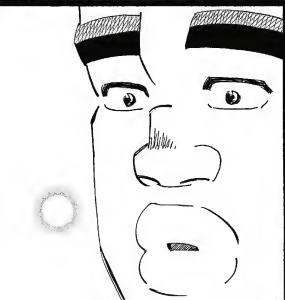
OKAY!

OH,
THANK
YOU!

I
WAS JUST
ABOUT
TO START
STUDYING.

I FOUND
A GOOD
EXERCISE
BOOK.

I WAS GONNA GIVE
IT TO YOU TODAY,
BUT THEN I
FORGOT.



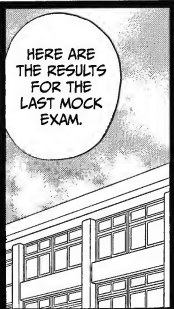


...THINKING
ABOUT
YAMATO
HELPS ME
STAY ON
TRACK!



EVEN IF
WE'RE
APART...





HERE ARE
THE RESULTS
FOR THE
LAST MOCK
EXAM.



THAT'S
INCREDIBLE
!!

YOU
GOT AN
A?!

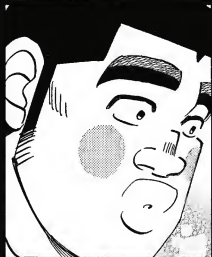
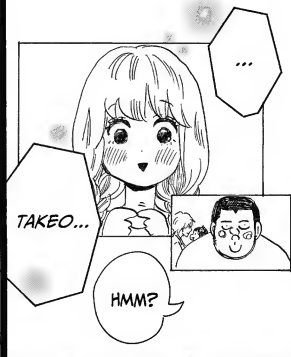
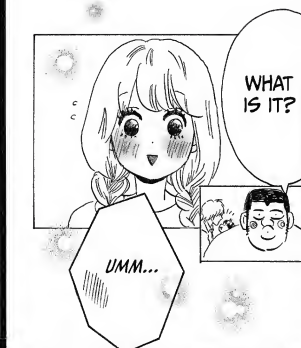


WELL, IT'S
AMAZING!

I'VE
GOT TO
WORK
HARD
TOO.

I DON'T
KNOW HOW
THEY GOT
THE SCORE
THOUGH.

YEAH.





I
THOUGHT
THAT...

YEAH.

I'LL
STUDY
HARD
TOO!



TALK
TO YOU
SOON!

...MEANS
WE'RE
GETTING
SOMETHING
GOOD OUT
OF HER
BEING FAR
AWAY.

JUST
KNOWING
THAT...

...OUR
FEELINGS
WOULD
STAY THE
SAME
WHILE
WE WERE
APART...

...AND
I WAS
RIGHT.



HER SCHOOL
OVER THERE
HAS SOME
SYSTEM THAT
LETS HER TAKE
ENTRANCE
EXAMS WITH
US.

NOPE.

IS BEING
AWAY GOING
TO MAKE IT
TRICKY FOR
YAMATO TO
GET INTO
COLLEGE
HERE?

GOTCHA.
SO SHE'LL
BE FINE.

I CAN'T
EXPLAIN
HOW IT
WORKS,
BUT YEAH.



HUH?
SURE.



CAN
YOU COME
SOMEWHERE
WITH ME,
SUNA?

...



WOULD
IT BE
WEIRD
IF I
BOUGHT
HER A
RING?

IT'S
ALMOST
YAMATO'S
BIRTHDAY...

YUP.

MAYBE A
BRACELET
OR A
COLLAR?

A
COLLAR
...?

IT'S NOT
LIKE WE'RE
GETTING
MARRIED!

IT'S A
BAD
IDEA,
ISN'T
IT?!





I BET
SHE'D BE
THRILLED IF
YOU GAVE
HER A
RING.



HE
H

I THINK
IT'S FINE.
DON'T
WORRY
SO MUCH.

THANKS.

BUT
ABOUT THE
FAVOR...

SUNA, I
HAVE TO
ASK YOU
FOR A
FAVOR.

SURE, I'LL
HELP YOU
PICK ONE
OUT.



THEN
I
WILL!

O
K
A
Y
!





IF YOU
TRY
THEM ON
SNEAKILY,
IT'LL BE
FINE!

IT'S ALL
RIGHT!
I
UNDER-
STAND!
THIS IS
EMBAR-
RASSING
FOR ME
TOO!



YAMATO...

YAMATO...





I'D LIKE
TO TAKE A
LOOK AT
THIS ONE!

EXCUSE
ME!



YEAH, I
AGREE.

THIS MIGHT
LOOK NICE
ON HER.



DO YOU
KNOW THE
RECIPIENT'S
RING SIZE?

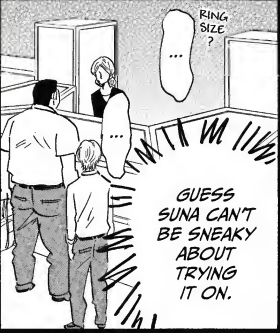
THIS IS
A GIFT,
RIGHT?

I'LL BRING
IT OUT FOR
YOU.



ABOUT
THE SIZE
OF HIS
PINKIE.

RING
SIZE
?



GUESS
SUNA CAN'T
BE SNEAKY
ABOUT
TRYING
IT ON.



THE MORE
HE TRIES
TO EXPLAIN,
THE MORE
IT SOUNDS
LIKE HE'S
MAKING
EXCUSES...

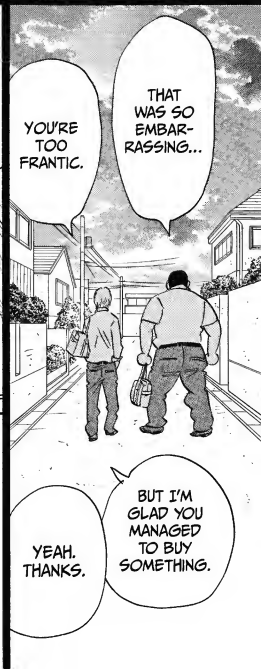
I DON'T KNOW MY
GIRLFRIEND'S RING
SIZE, THAT'S ALL,
AND HIS FINGER
HAPPENS TO BE
ABOUT THE
SAME SIZE...



I WONDER
HOW LONG
IT'LL TAKE
TO GET TO
SPAIN.

I THINK
SHIPPING
TAKES
ABOUT A
WEEK.

REALLY?
I SHOULD
MAIL IT
RIGHT
AWAY!



YOU'RE
TOO
FRANTIC.

THAT
WAS SO
EMBAR-
RASSING...

YEAH.
THANKS.

BUT I'M
GLAD YOU
MANAGED
TO BUY
SOMETHING.

TWO
YEARS,
HUH?

WOW.
THAT
LONG
?!

YOU'VE BEEN
DATING YAMATO
FOR OVER TWO
YEARS NOW.



...BECAUSE
OF
YAMATO.

I MAY BE
DENSE AND
CLUELESS,
BUT I'VE
ALWAYS
KEPT
GOING...



YAMATO
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
-TAKED GODA

I WONDER
WHAT SHE'S
DOING
RIGHT
NOW.

IT'S STILL
DAYTIME IN
BARCELONA.

IT'S A
REALLY
NICE
NAME.

SEEING IT
WRITTEN
OUT...

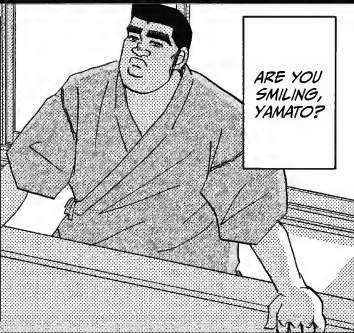
RINKO...



RINKO

IT
MAKES
ME
STRONG-
ER.

WE'RE
FAR
APART,
BUT I'M
ALWAYS
THINKING
ABOUT
YOUR
SMILE.



ARE YOU
SMILING,
YAMATO?

AM I
HELPING
YOU SMILE
FROM THIS
FAR AWAY?

DO
I MAKE
YOU FEEL
LIKE
THAT?



...THAT
MAN TO
YOU?

AM I
STILL...

Rinko Yamato

Average

Requires Resubmission

Requires Resubmission

Average



HEY...
ARE YOU
GONNA BE
ABLE TO
GET INTO A
COLLEGE
BACK
HOME?

ALL THIS
CHANGE
MUST BE
MAKING IT
HARDER
FOR YOU...

YEAH
...

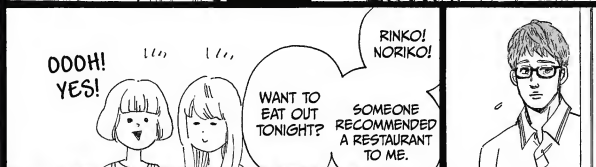
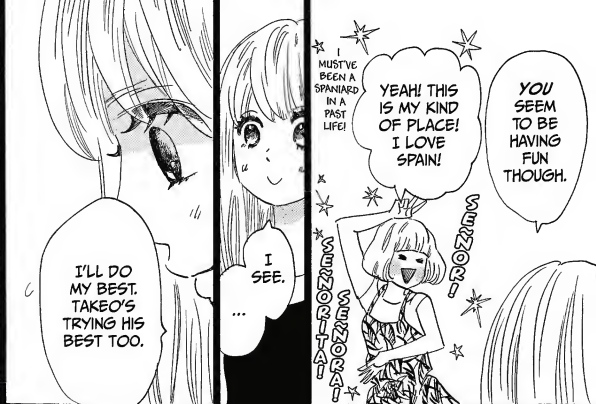
TELL
ME
ABOUT
IT.

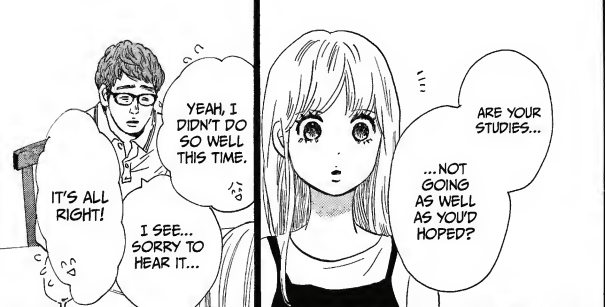
WOW,
THEY'RE
PRETTY
BAD.

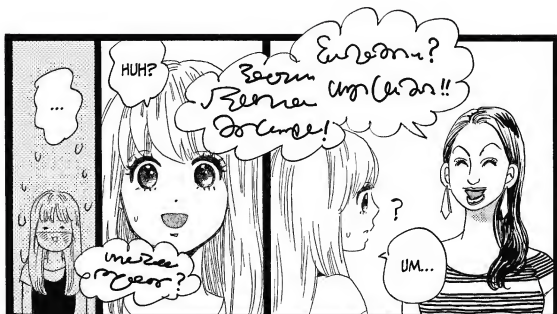
WHAT'S
WITH
THOSE
GRADES?

THEY'RE
WRITTEN IN
JAPANESE.













GOOD
LUCK!
I'M SURE
YOU'LL
WIN!



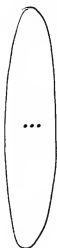
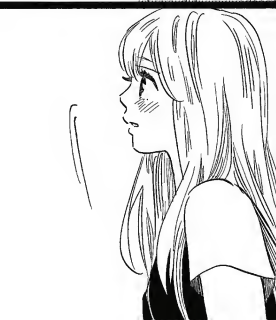
HA
HAI



THANK
YOU FOR
FALLING IN
LOVE WITH
ME...



I'M
COMING
WITH
YOU.





I
WISH I
COULD
TOUCH
YOU...

ZSHH

YIKES!

WHERE'D
THIS RAIN
COME
FROM?

I DIDN'T
BRING AN
UMBRELLA.

TAKEO...



ZSHH

YEAH,
MAYBE.

IT'LL
PROBABLY
STOP BY
THE TIME WE
GO HOME.

I MAILED
THE GIFT
A WEEK
AGO.



SHE
SHOULD
BE
GETTING
IT
SOON...

TAKEO,
DID YOU
BRING AN
UMBRELLA?

YOU HAVE
A WEIRD
DEFINITION
OF A
DRIZZLE.

IT'S JUST A
DRIZZLE. NO
BIG DEAL.

I'M
HANDING
OUT YOUR
RESULTS!



HEY,
EVERYONE
WHO TOOK
THE NATIONAL
EXAM!

WOW,
TAKEO
!!

National Mock Exam

Shuei High School / Takeo Goda

○○○
University

A-rank

□□□
University

A-rank

△△△
University

A-rank



IF I'D
JUST BEEN
DOING
IT FOR
MYSELF, I
PROBABLY
WOULD'VE
FALLEN
ASLEEP.

I
GUESS
SO!

IT'S THE
POWER OF
LOVE!

LOOK
AT YOU
GO!

YEAH!

THE
POWER
OF
LOVE!

I DON'T
THINK I
COULD'VE
KEPT
MYSELF
GOING.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

WE'RE GOING TO COLLEGE!



I CAN'T
WAIT FOR
SPRING!

THANK
YOU,
YAMATO.



WELCOME
BACK!

I'M
HOME!

TAKEO!
YOU GOT A
PACKAGE IN
THE MAIL.

I LEFT
IT ON
YOUR
DESK.

REALLY?

WHAT
COULD IT
BE?



SIGH...

I
GOT THE
ADDRESS
WRONG!

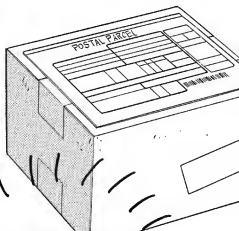
OH
NO
!!

IT WAS
SENT
BACK?!
BUT
WHY
?!

IS
IT THE
ADDRESS
?

SHOCK

NOTE



THE RING
I SENT TO
YAMATO GOT
RETURNED!

Can I
call you?

Sure! (☺)

I WANT
TO TELL
HER
ABOUT
MY
MOCK
EXAM
RESULTS.

YAMATO
...!

BING!

Good morning,
Takeo! ☀

IF I
MAIL IT
AGAIN,
WILL
IT GET
THERE
IN
TIME?!

YAMATO!

SORRY,
IS THIS
A GOOD
TIME?!

HI!



AND I DID WELL!
I'M WORKING
REALLY HARD
SO WE CAN GO
TO THE SAME
COLLEGE IN
SPRING.

SO DON'T
WORRY!

WE GOT
OUR MOCK
EXAM
RESULTS
TODAY.

YOU BET
IT IS!
WHAT'S
UP?

WELL...



YAMATO
...?

WHAT'S
WRONG?



OH...

WE
PROMISED,
AFTER
ALL...

I-ILL
TRY
MY
BEST
TOO.

THAT'S
GREAT,
TAKAO.



NOTHING!
EVERY-
THING'S
FINE!

HUH?

YAMATO-



...

...

I'M
SORRY.

IT MIGHT
NOT BE
POSSIBLE
EVEN IF
I COME
BACK TO
JAPAN.

IF I CAN'T
PULL THEM
UP, WE MIGHT
NOT BE ABLE
TO GO TO
THE SAME
COLLEGE
AFTER
ALL.

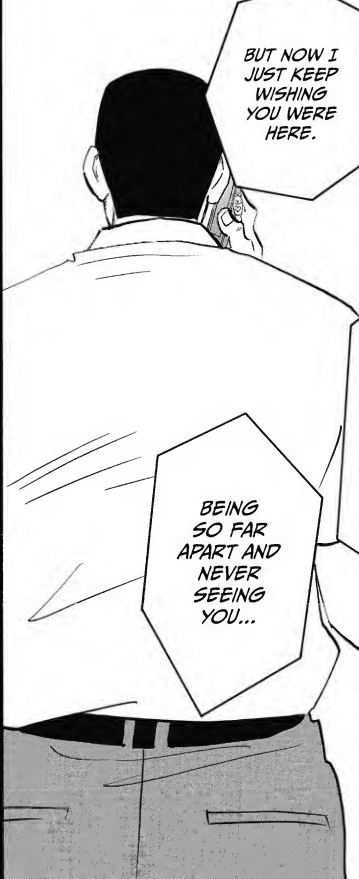
MY
GRADES...
AREN'T
VERY
GOOD.

BACK
IN JAPAN,
YOU WERE
ALWAYS
RIGHT
THERE
CHEERING
ME ON.

BUT
YOU'RE
NOT
HERE
NOW...

I'M
SORRY.

I'VE
NEVER
DONE SO
BADLY
BEFORE.



BUT NOW I
JUST KEEP
WISHING
YOU WERE
HERE.

IF I DIDN'T
KNOW HOW IT
FELT TO HAVE
SOMEONE IN MY
CORNER, MAYBE
I COULD HANDLE
THIS ON MY
OWN.

IF I DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT
DATING YOU
WAS LIKE, I
MIGHT NOT
KNOW HOW
IT FEELS
TO BE THIS
LONELY.

BEING
SO FAR
APART AND
NEVER
SEEING
YOU...



WHY
DIDN'T
I...

...THINK
ABOUT...

...HOW
THIS
WOULD
BE FOR
YAMATO?

I FEEL SO
LONELY...



SHE
SAID
SHE
WAS
FINE.

SHE
FORCED
HERSELF
TO SMILE
FOR ME.

SHE
DOESN'T
HAVE
ANYONE
LIKE
SUNA
THERE.

IT MUST
BE WAY
HARDER
TO STUDY
ALONE
IN SPAIN
THAN TO
DO IT
HERE.

...WHAT
ALL
THIS
MUST
BE LIKE
FOR
HER.

I
DIDN'T
CONSID-
ER...

I
DIDN'T
EVEN
NOTICE
UNTIL
SHE
TOLD
ME.

I'M
SUCH
AN
IDIOT...

THE
POWER
OF
LOVE?
I CAN'T
CLAIM
TO
HAVE
THAT.



I'M THE
WORST.

HOW CAN
I CALL
MYSELF HER
BOYFRIEND?



...KEEPING
THAT
PROMISE
WITH ME.

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
WORRY
ABOUT...

YAMATO,
LISTEN.

TAKEO,
WHAT—

HUH?

WITHOUT
THAT
WEIGHT ON
HER, MAYBE
SHE CAN
FIND HER
WAY BACK
TO SMILING.

IT'S
BECAUSE
OF ME
THAT
YOU'RE
HURTING
SO MUCH.

IT'S
BECAUSE
WE
PROMISED
THAT...



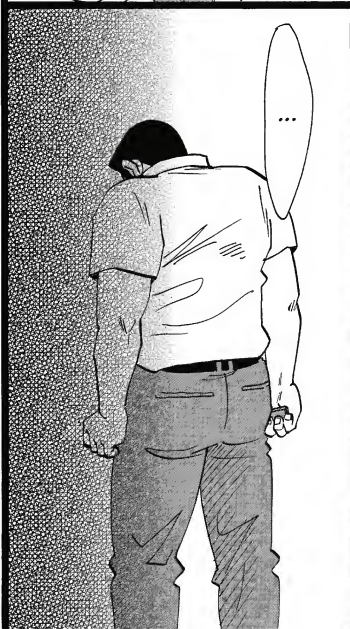
...WITHOUT
A BOY-
FRIEND
LIKE ME.

SHE'S
PROBABLY
BETTER
OFF...

YAMATO...



MAYBE WE
SHOULD STOP
TRYING TO
MAKE THIS
WORK.



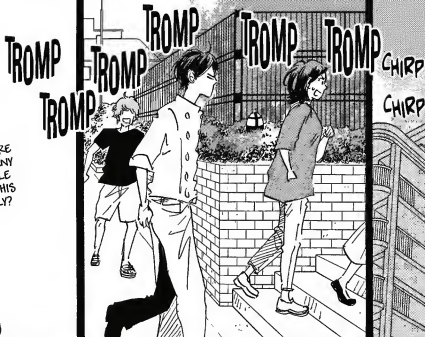


TAKEO
BROKE
UP
WITH
YAMATO
?!

DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN
AT THAT
APARTMENT
BUILDING?

?!

WHY ARE
SO MANY
PEOPLE
OUT THIS
EARLY?



ARE
YOU
NUTS
?!

YOU
NEED
TO
STOP
AND
RECON-
SIDER!

WHAT
WERE YOU
THINKING?

HOW
COULD
YOU
BREAK
UP WITH
HER?!

702
TOP

WHY
?!

YOU CAN'T
BE SERIOUS,
TAKEO!

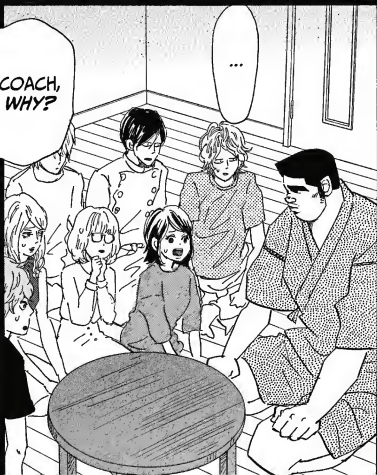
YOU DIDN'T
STOP
CARING
ABOUT HER,
DID YOU?!

COACH,
WHY?

...

NO.

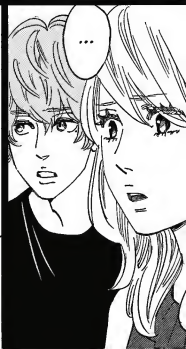
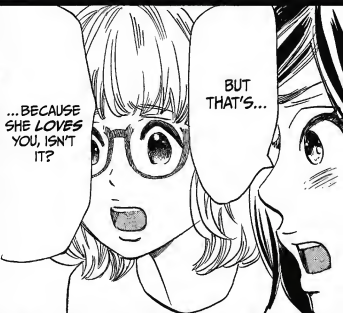
BUT...



I DIDN'T
REALIZE IT
WAS THAT
BAD FOR
HER...

THE NEXT
SIX MONTHS
WERE GOING
TO BE
ROUGH.

...SHE TOLD
ME HOW
LONELY SHE
FEELS.





ARE YOU
SERIOUSLY
OKAY WITH
THIS?!

DID YOU
REALLY
JUST
DECIDE
THIS ON
YOUR OWN,
TAKEO
?!

BUT
STILL—!



"I FEEL SO
LONELY..."



I'VE...

...NEVER
HEARD
YAMATO
TALK
LIKE THAT
BEFORE.

NOD



YOU
PROMISED
ME YOU'D
MAKE
RINKO
HAPPY!

WHY
ARE YOU
TALKING
LIKE SOME
ORDINARY
GUY?!

I'M SO
PATHETIC.

IT'S
ALL
MY
FAULT.

THERE'S
NOTHING
I CAN
DO.

I DIDN'T
NOTICE.

I MADE
HER SAY
THOSE
THINGS.









"TAKEO..."



I WON'T
LET ANYONE
ELSE HAVE
YOU.

...I WON'T
LOSE TO
HER. I'D
FIGHT FOR
YOU!



"I
LOVE
YOU."

IT GOES
BOTH WAYS.
YOU CAN THROW
ANYTHING AT
ME TOO.

**YOU
MADE
A HUGE
MISTAKE.**

"I FEEL SO
LONELY..."

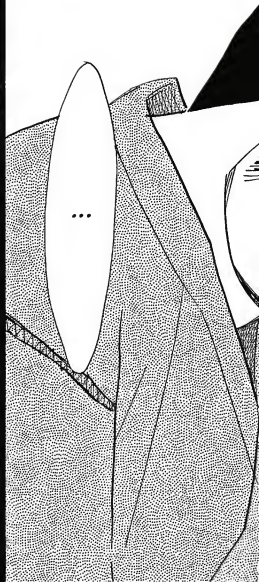
SHUP



VIOLENCE
ISN'T THE
ANSWER!
ESPECIALLY
FOR YOU!

STOP
AND
THINK!
CALM
DOWN!

WAIT,
TAKEO!

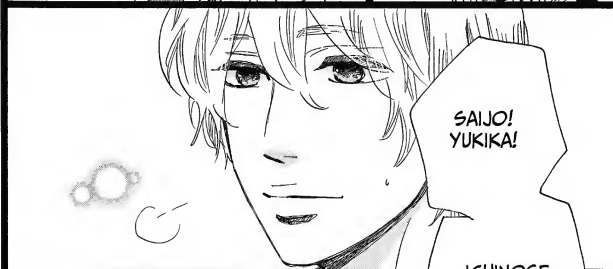




**I WAS
WRONG.**

YEAH.







YOU MIGHT
NOT WANT
TO LISTEN
TO ME,
YAMATO...

I'LL
BOOK A
FLIGHT
FOR YOU.

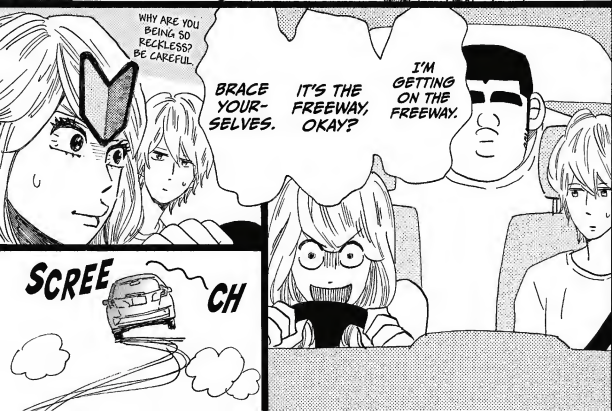
YOU'LL
NEED TO
GET A
PLANE
TICKET!

WOW!
REALLY?!
RIGHT
NOW?!

...BUT
PLEASE
LET ME
APOLO-
GIZE TO
YOU IN
PERSON.

OF
COURSE!

TAKE
CARE OF
THINGS
HERE,
MOM.





YOU
KEPT
YOUR
PROMISE.

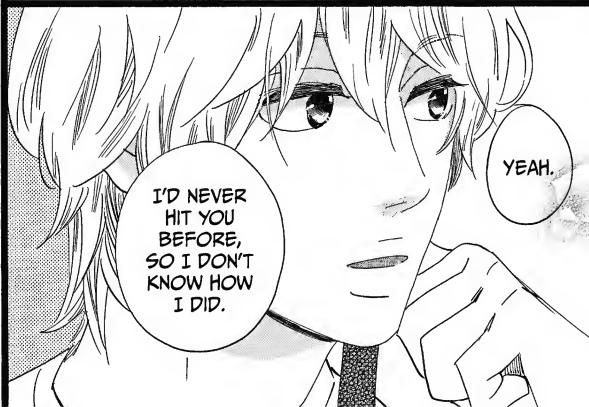
SHIN-KUKO
EXPRESSWAY
成田 空港
Narita Airport

SUNA.

THANK
YOU.



"IF I EVER
START GOING
IN A WEIRD
DIRECTION,
SMACK SOME
SENSE INTO
ME, OKAY?"



I'D NEVER
HIT YOU
BEFORE,
SO I DON'T
KNOW HOW
I DID.

YEAH.





ALL
RIGHT,
I'M
OFF.

SLAM!

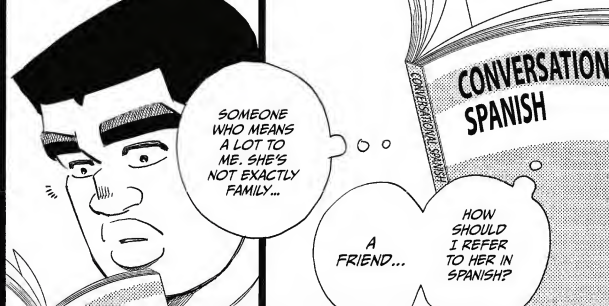
TAKEO!
DON'T
FORGET
THIS!



THANKS!

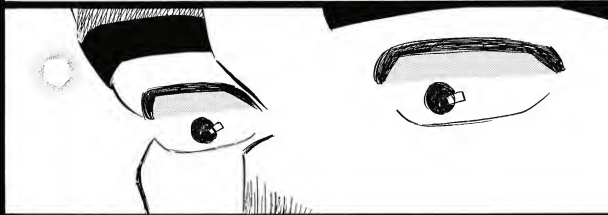






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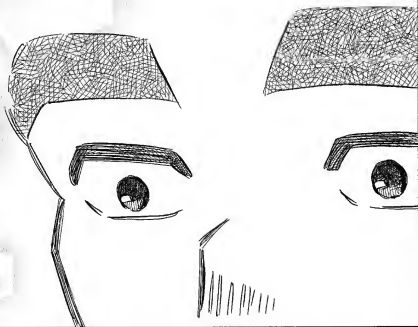
Eres muy importante.
You are very important to me.



Similar expression

Te quiero.
I care for you.

Te amo
I love you.



YAMATO...



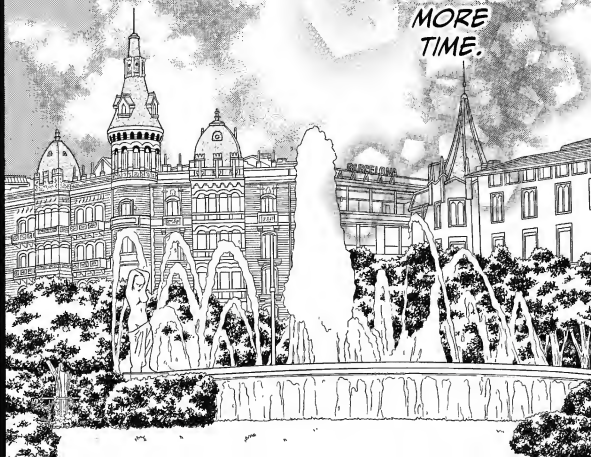
IF YOU
STILL
LOVE
ME...

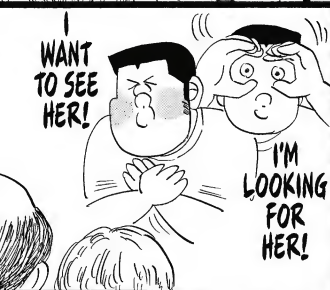
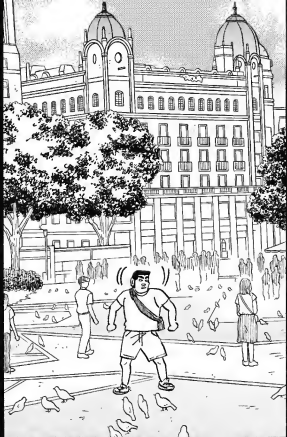
DO
YOU
HATE
ME
NOW?

I'M
SORRY
I SAID
SOME-
THING SO
AWFUL.

I'M
SORRY.

...LET ME
TELL YOU
HOW I
FEEL ONE
MORE
TIME.





Gracias!!!

YOU
CAUGHT THE
PICKPOCKET!
THANK YOU!

THIEF! STOP!

SOMEONE STOP
THAT MAN!

MAP

POW TURN

?

IS HE THE ONE
WHO CAUGHT THE
PICKPOCKET AT PLAÇA
DE CATALUNYA?

A LARGE JAPANESE
GUY SAVED ME.

Que Guay!!!

Si Bravo

HE ALSO HELPED A BIRD DEALER
BY CATCHING A BUNCH OF ESCAPED
BIRDS AND RETURNING THEM
TO THEIR CAGES.

iGuay!

Judo de Japon!!

Sumo!!

THAT JAPANESE GUY
WAS PASSING BY A TAPAS
BAR, AND HE CAUGHT A
PURSE SNATCHER!

HE RAN OFF
AFTERWARD.

iBravo!





FIESTA?

WHERE CAN I FIND IT?

IT'S DOWN THE
ROAD. THAT WAY.

SPAIN
IS THE
BEST!



TAKEO...

I'M
SORRY.

I WISH
TAKEO
COULD
SEE IT
TOO...



I
LOVE IT
HERE SO
MUCH!

THIS
IS SO
MUCH
FUN!



YOU GOT
SKYPE AND
YOU STUDIED
SO MUCH,
EVEN
THOUGH
...YOU'RE
NOT
GREAT AT
THINGS
LIKE
THAT.

YOU
WORKED
SO HARD,
ALL FOR
ME.

WE
WERE BOTH
LONELY...







YAMATO
!!

FORGET
WHAT I
SAID!

I'M
SORRY,
YAMATO!

SH
W
P
!

I
SAID I
COULD
HANDLE
ANYTHING
YOU
FELT...

...BUT I
COULDN'T
FACE YOUR
LONELINESS.
I'M SORRY!

EXCEPT...
I KNOW
I CAN'T
CHANGE
WHAT
HAPPENED.

I'M
SORRY
I DIDN'T
REALIZE
HOW YOU
FELT!

I'M
SORRY
FOR
MESSING
UP SO
MUCH!

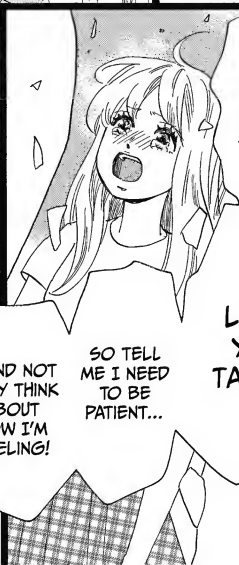
I'M
PATHETIC!



IT
WAS MY
FAULT.

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
APOLOGIZE.

...



YOU
CAN BE
ANNOYED
AND TELL
ME NOT
TO BE SO
SELFISH!

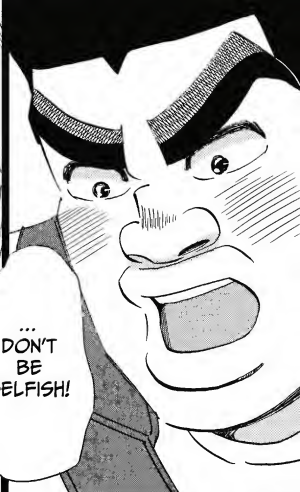
I
LOVE
YOU,
TAKEO!

...AND NOT
ONLY THINK
ABOUT
HOW I'M
FEELING!

SO TELL
ME I NEED
TO BE
PATIENT...



OKAY!



...
DON'T
BE
SELFISH!



OKAY!

IT'S JUST
SIX MORE
MONTHS!
JUST
HOLD
ON!





I'M
SORRY.

I'M
SORRY
TOO...

YOU
CAN
GET
MAD
AT ME.

ESPECIALLY
WHEN I
DON'T
NOTICE
SOME-
THING.

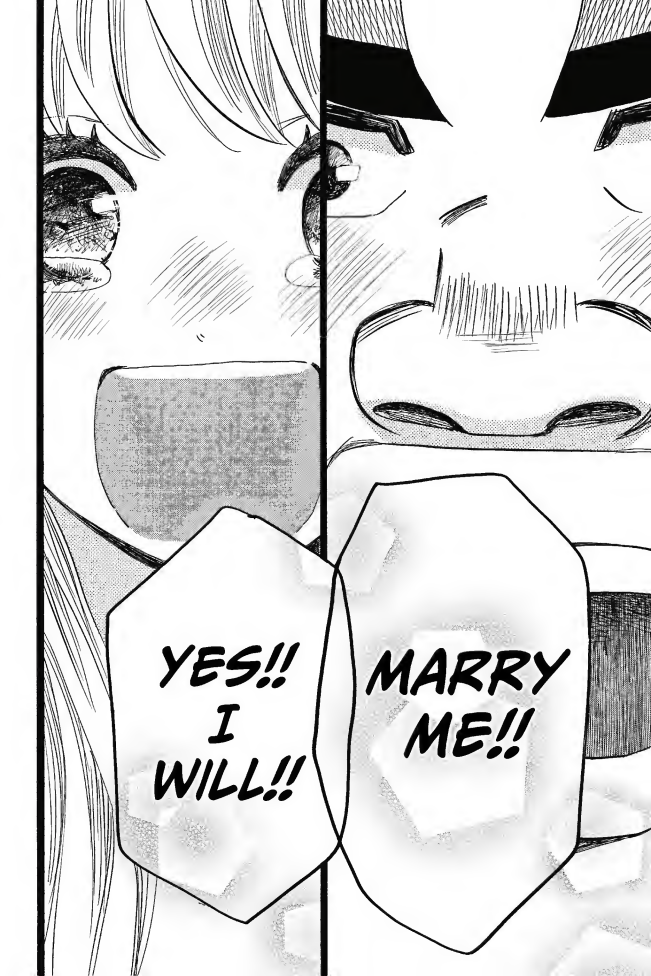
I'M
REALLY
SORRY.

OKAY.

**I
LOVE
YOU!!**

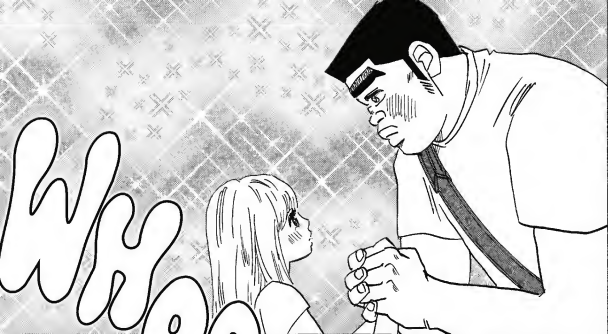
**YAMATO
!!**





**YES!!
I
WILL!!**

**MARRY
ME!!**



RIGHT
NOW'S FINE
WITH ME.

I DON'T
MEAN
RIGHT
NOW...



I GOT IT
FOR YOUR
BIRTHDAY.
BUT WHEN I
MAILED IT, I
GOT YOUR
ADDRESS
WRONG, SO
IT GOT SENT
BACK.

W-WHAT?
A RING?!

OH...
WOW...

HUH?

OH!
RIGHT!
TAKE
THIS.



A black and white manga-style illustration. A man with dark hair, wearing a white shirt and a dark tie, is leaning forward. He is placing a ring on the finger of a woman with long, light-colored hair. The woman is looking up at him with a surprised expression. There are small diamond-shaped confetti pieces floating in the air around them. A large speech bubble is positioned to the right of the man.

I'M GLAD I
COULD GIVE
IT TO YOU IN
PERSON.





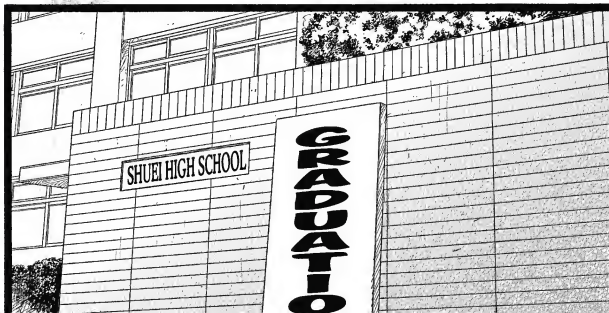
YOU'RE
WORRYING
TOO MUCH.

I HOPE
HE DIDN'T
GET
LOST...

I
WONDER
IF HE
GOT
TO SEE
HER...



DO YOU
THINK
TAKEO'S
ALL
RIGHT?



SHUEI HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

TAKEO!

THANKS,
GUYS.
MAKE
SURE YOU
GET TO
NATIONALS
THIS YEAR!

SIR!
THANK YOU!
TO TAKEO SENPAI!

TAKEO
SENPAI!

THANKS FOR
HELPING US
OUT. THIS IS
FROM THE
TEAM.

CALL,
OKAY?
IT'LL BE
HARD FOR
ME TO
VISIT YOU.

GOT
IT.

OH.

I
WANTED
TO GO
TO THE
SAME
ONE AS
YOU!

I'M SO
BUMMED
THAT WE'LL
BE AT
DIFFERENT
COLLEGES!

YEAH
?

THERE'S
SOMETHING
I'VE GOTTA
DO!

DASH

WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?

SENPAI!

TAKEO
SENPAI!

TAKEO!

TAKEO!

WILL
DO.

CONGRAT-
ULATE
SUNAKAWA
FOR ME.

TAKE
CARE!

COACH!
CONGRATULATIONS
ON GETTING INTO
COLLEGE!

THANKS!
SAME TO
YOU!

SHE'S
WAITING
FOR HIM.

OH.



THAT'S
NOT
REALLY
HELPFUL.

OR IS IT
THE SIXTH?
AROUND
THEN
SOME-
TIME.

IT IS
APRIL
7?

WHEN'S OUR
COLLEGE
ENTRANCE
CEREMONY?



WE'RE GOING
TO COLLEGE
TOGETHER IN
THE SPRING!



YOU
REALLY
WORKED
HARD,
YAMATO.

YEAH.

EVER
SINCE
I WAS
LITTLE...

IT'S THE
POWER
OF
LOVE!

HA
HA!



...NEVER
LIKED ME
BACK.

...THE
GIRLS I
LIKED...

WHA
WRO
?!

...I
REALIZED...

THE FIRST
TIME A GIRL
TOLD ME
SHE LIKED
ME BACK...

TELL ME...
YOUR EMAIL
ADDRESS...





EVERYBODY
WANTS TO SEE
THEIR FRIENDS
HAPPY.

THAT'S
NORMAL.

IT'S NOT
AMAZING AT
ALL.

...HOW
GREAT THE
FRIEND
WHO'D
ALWAYS
STOOD BY
ME REALLY
WAS.

THERE'S
A LOT OF
STUFF
I'M BAD
AT.

"I WANT
TO HOLD
HANDS
WITH
YOU!"



I'M...

"I HELD
HANDS WITH
YAMATO TODAY,
"BUT I KINDA
"MESSED UP."



...
PRETTY
DENSE
SOME-
TIMES.

I MAKE
MISTAKES.



"I'M
PRETTY
SURE
YAMATO
KISSED
YOU."

I
NEVER
NOTICE
THINGS.

SO I
THINK
THAT
SOME-
WHERE
OUT IN
THIS
WORLD...

SHE'S
SUPPORT-
ED ME,
AND I'VE
SUPPORT-
ED HER.

BUT SHE
STILL
SAYS SHE
LOVES
ME!

"LET
ME SIT
HERE
WITH
YOU."



...TO
CLING TO
YOU...

SOMEONE
WHO'LL
CHERISH
YOU
BACK.

"I HOPE
WE'LL BE
FRIENDS
FOR THE
REST
OF OUR
LIVES!"

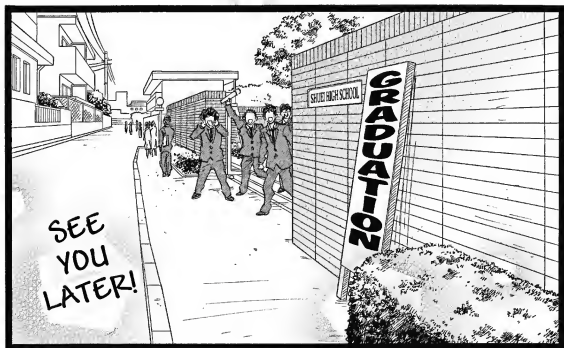
...YOU'LL
FIND
SOMEONE
TO
CHERISH
TOO.

...IS THE
KIND YOU
COULD
HEAR ANY-
WHERE.

MY
STORY...

HEY!

TAKED!







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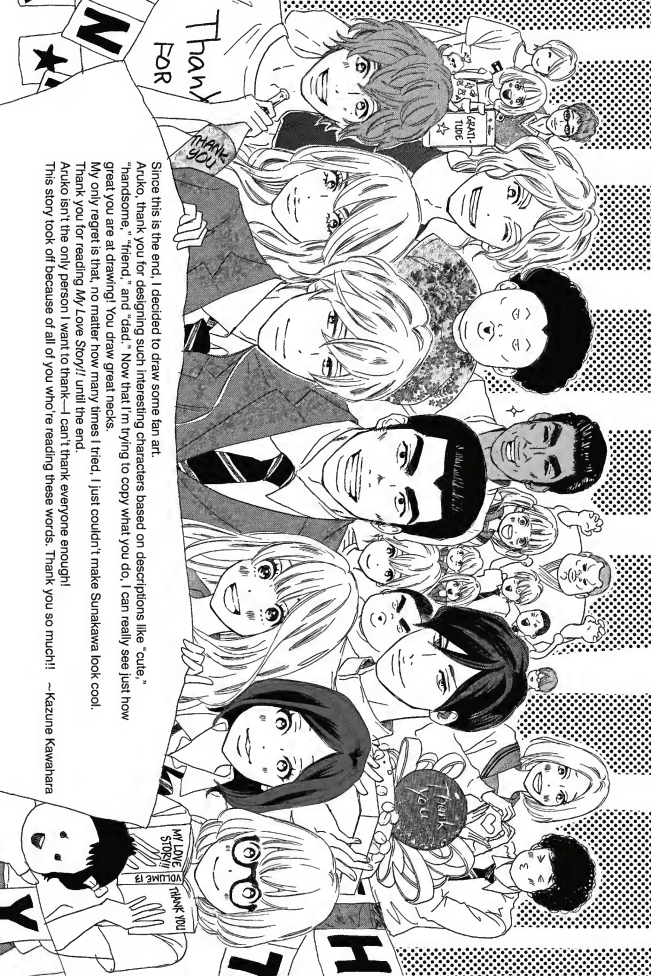
We've reached the final volume.
Five years ago, *My Love Story!!* was published as a one-shot comic. I never expected to be illustrating it for so long, but I've always enjoyed drawing Takeo. Thanks to Takeo and his friends, I've met and talked to all kinds of people. It's been an incredibly special experience and has really touched my life.

I'm a huge fan of Kawahara Sensei's, and working with her was a joy. I'd like to thank all of our readers for sticking with us. I'd also like to thank our editor.

And finally, I'd like to thank my assistants Asai, Osawa, Kisaragi and Hayashi!



-Aruko
August 2016



Since this is the end, I decided to draw some fan art.

Aruko, thank you for designing such interesting characters based on descriptions like "cute," "handsome," "friend," and "dad." Now that I'm trying to copy what you do, I can really see just how great you are at drawing! You draw great necks.

My only regret is that, no matter how many times I tried, I just couldn't make Sunakawa look cool.

Thank you for reading *My Love Story!!* until the end.

Aruko isn't the only person I want to thank—I can't thank everyone enough!

This story took off because of all of you who're reading these words. Thank you so much!! ~Kazune Kawahara

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This time, for the cover, I scattered sesame seeds. My editor and a skilled photographer came to my workplace to take a picture of Sesame Takeo! The photo session was a lot of fun. I asked my designer to do a lot of things to create this wonderful final product. What do you think? Thank you for helping us reach the final volume. I hope we can meet again. (*O*)

— Aruko



It was so fun working on this series, and I was always pleased with the feedback I received. I'm really glad that I could share this experience with Aruko. In the end, it felt like one long festival. I'm sad that it's over, but I think it might be nice to write more of this story someday. This series is full of many great memories. Thank you very much for reading!

— Kazune Kawahara



KAZUNE KAWAHARA is from Hokkaido Prefecture in Japan and was born on March 11 (a Pisces!). She made her manga debut at age 18 with *Kare no Ichiban Sukina Hito* (His Most Favorite Person). Her best-selling shojo manga series *High School Debut* is available in North America from VIZ Media. Her hobby is interior redecorating.